

Operation Iraqi Freedom II

"Telling the First Team's Story"

Monday, May 10, 2004

#### Friends of Fahed:

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-Fahed,

village elder,

Sheik Fahed's

Village

# 4-5 ADA Delivers Water to Parched Iraqis

By Spc. Bryan Kinkade 1st Cavalry Division PAO

CAMP BLACK JACK-Crowds of villagers moved toward the vehicles as they watched the 400-gallon water

buffalo slowly cruise past them. It was going to the other side of the small village, right outside the Baghdad International Airport, this The time. Soldiers from Battery C. 4th Battalion, 5th Air Defense Artillery Regiment were back, to provide water to the citi-

zens of Sheik Fahed's Village.

This was only the second time the 'Strykers' have been to this village to distribute water. During their first visit, they spoke to the village's sheik and asked him how they could help his people. He said they would be grateful to have clean water.

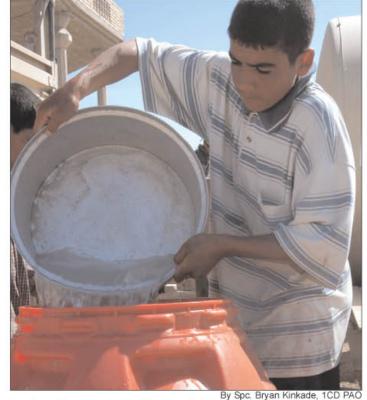
"We thank them very much," the village's elder, Fahed, said in Arabic. "It's

hard to get water here."

The children rushed out with giant buckets and old containers to hold the water as the truck stopped in front of their house. Some containers were little, old oil jugs and some were giant plastic trashcans. Most children remembered how the

water buffalo worked, so once the truck stopped they were quickly filling their jugs with the fresh water.

"The reaction was a good Continued on Page 2



An Iraqi uses a smaller container to fill his big barrel full of potable water. Battery C, 4-5 ADA brought the fresh water for the village so they wouldn't have to use the dirty water out of the canal.

#### <u> 19 Insurgents Killed:</u>

# Coalition Forces Engage Enemy in East Baghdad

BAGHDAD, Iraq- Task Force Baghdad Soldiers encountered numerous anti-Iraqi forces Sunday, killing 19 in a series of separate engagements in the eastern Baghdad Thawra district.

All 19 insurgent casualties were members of rocket-propelled grenade launcher teams. The first encounter with the RPG gunners occurred early Sunday morning, when a

grenade hit a Bradley Fighting Vehicle while on patrol. The vehicle suffered no damage, or casualties to the occupants.

Later Sunday morning, an Iraqi Police station manned by IP and coalition forces came under fire. Task Force Soldiers responded to the scene and secured the area. No injuries or damage were reported.

Two anti-Iraqi forces were killed at approximately noon

Sunday, when they attempted to engage Task Force Baghdad Soldiers with an RPG. The Soldiers returned fire, killing the two insurgents. No coalition casualties resulted from the incident.

An afternoon coalition patrol engaged two more insurgents. The anti-Iraqi RPG team was killed in the engagement, with no injuries to coalition forces. Fifteen insurgents were carrying RPGs when they were engaged by a coalition Apache helicopter. Coalition forces reported no casualties from the incident.

The presence of anti-Iraqi forces in the streets of Thawra City comes one day after the detention of an alleged financier and lieutenant for Muqtada's militia.

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## Fresh Water a Welcome Resource to Sheik Fahed's Village Residents



By Spc. Bryan Kinkade, 1CD PAO

1st Sergeant Daniel Perdue, Battery C, 4-5 ADA, hands out candy to the children, while the 'Strykers' distribute water to the village.

Continued from Page 1 success," Capt. David Carlile, the 'Strykers' company commander, said. "We're providing them a much needed resource."

When the company first entered the village, the citizens were wary about their presence, Carlile said.

"Now, the majority is glad to get the water from us," he said. "They [usually] get their water out of a canal and it's pretty dirty. They're pretty happy to get fresh, potable water."

The unit plans to deliver water to the village until their water treatment center is fixed.

"Hopefully it will be up and running in a week or so," Carlile said. Civilians contracted out by the battery are fixing the treatment center.

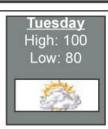
While the Soldiers helped the children fill the containers, they spoke to them as well as they could. Some Soldiers spoke as much Arabic as they knew to the children and some of the Children spoke a little English back. They also gave candy to the children.

Once the buckets were filled up and the buffalo was empty, the Soldiers were on their way back to camp. The mobile watering hole would reopen again here in a few days.



By Cpl. Bill Putnam, 122nd MPAD

Monday High: 104 Low: 78





Weather information provided by 1CD Staff Weather Office

Pfc. Logan Forbess, a scout in Troop C, 1st Squadron, 7th Cavalry Regiment, shines a light for Pvt. Miguel Castro during a cordon-and-knock of a house in Baghdad's Al Rashid District early on May 6. Castro, under the stairs, was searching for evidence tying the night's target to an improvised explosive device cell. He found an old sewing machine and microwave oven instead. The earlymorning search ended without incident and Comanche Troop returned to Camp Ferrin-Huggins a short time later. Before they left, Troopers from the unit handed out toys to the family. Next to Forbess is Sgt. Shawn Horner, Forbess' and Castro's squad leader. The 1-7 Cav. conducts missions like this on a regular basis to secure a safe and stable environment in Baghdad before the June 30 hand-over to an interim Iragi national government.

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# May 10, 2004 On The Home Front

### Cowboys' #31 Roy Williams Visits Killeen

From Killeen Daily Herald

KILLEEN, Texas- They come from far and near, young and old alike, to welcome their hero and honor him for his deeds.

It's a scene played out often in Killeen, a city whose very stability is deeply intertwined with that of Fort Hood, the largest active duty armored post in the United States, which has grown accustomed to rolling out the red carpet for soldiers recently returned from the conflict in Iraq and other military hot spots.

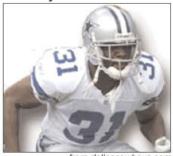
Saturday, however, it was a different kind of "hero" entirely that caused throngs of people from Bell County and beyond to crowd into David Herring's sports memorabilia store Sports Cards, Etc.

Roy Williams, former Oklahoma standout and 2002 first-round draft pick of the Dallas Cowboys, was in town to sign autographs. Once the word got out that the stellar defensive back was in town, a frenzy of fandom erupted.

"I just found out (he was in town) at Taco Bell," said lifelong Cowboys fan Cipriano Castro, who attended the event with his family. "I called my son and asked him if he wanted to come see him (Williams), and he said 'Yeah."

Castro's 9-year-old son Albert said that Williams is one of his favorite players. Getting to meet him was a special treat, and probably a little less hectic than a day at Texas Stadium, where Albert last saw Williams in person.

"It was too loud," responded the pint-sized tackle, whose dad said the youngster wanted



from dallascowbovs com

#### **Dallas Cowboys free** safety Roy Williams made a surprise visit to Killeen to sign autographs and field questions May 8.

to be just like Roy Williams after suiting up at tackle for his first season of pee-wee football last year.

That sound, while it might be harsh on young ears, is easy listening to Williams, who thrives on the appreciation Dallas' fans show the team. And, though it can be taxing, he said he does not mind mingling with the public because it is a way he can give back to the community that has given him so much.

"I'm a people person," said Williams, taking the time to interview while signing seemingly endless stacks of No. 1s to be made into autographed jerseys later, "Being here, getting to know the people is fun."

It certainly seemed like the star safety was having a good time.

He mugged for photographs, shook hands, joked around with those in attendance and gleefully placed an order for cookies and cream cookie dough ice cream when offered a free serving by a fan who owned a local ice cream parlor.

Another admirer, 6-year-

old Antonia Rodriguez, even brought Williams cookies, which he promptly began to scarf down. It may have not been a bribe, technically, but the gift might have brought Rodriguez some good luck.

Less than an hour later, her name was drawn to receive a helmet signed Williams that KLFX-FM 107.3 radio personalities Jack Hammer and Chop Suev were on hand to give away.

Herring estimated that Williams would sign 150-200 items and that the appearance would be a big boon for his business.

You go to Dallas and Houston and they're always having big name athletes at signings," Herring said. "Central Texas never does.

"I wanted to do something with somebody who would get everybody's interest. It's worth the money having him here," added Herring, who paid marketing company Personal Promotions International for the appearance.

Williams did take time to field some questions about the Cowboys prospects for the upcoming season for the media in attendance, which also included a local television crew and KAZI 92.3's "Wonder Woman."

After a year's experience with Parcells, I feel that we could be very, very good" said Williams when asked how he thought the team would do this season.

"It's a new year, so you never know what (is going) to happen," he added when asked if Dallas would make it to the Super Bowl.

#### News Briefs

#### From Killeen Daily Herald The Fort Hood Herald in search of heroes

The Fort Hood Herald is looking for a few good heroes. If you have someone, past or present in your family, who has served in any branch of the Armed Forces, send your email and a photo of your hero to deborah@kdhnews.com by noon Monday.

Submissions must include the member's name, rank, age, unit (past or present), home town, and a paragraph describing them and their service. Please include your full name in the e-mail.

#### Freedom Fest coming to Conder on May 15

From staff reports The second annual Freedom Fest is set for May 15 at Conder Park in Killeen.

The festival, hosted by Century 21 Team Wheatley, will take place from 10 a.m. to 4 p.m., with Star Search contestant Spensha Baker singing the national anthem to kick off activities.

Freedom Fest is an ongoing effort to show support of the thousands of Fort Hood Soldiers who dutifully serve this nation.

Admission is free, but tickets will be sold for the carnival

A 2004 Harley Davidson Sportster is one of several prizes that will be raffled off throughout the day. Other prizes are a vacation package, family portrait session and gift certificates from local businesses.

Proceeds from Freedom Fest will benefit the Fort Hood Fisher House, a home away from home, for active duty and retired military personnel and their families.

# Sports/Leisure

### **Today in History** May 10

From historychannel.com

1749 The final volume of Tom Jones is published 1863 Thomas "Stonewall" Jackson dies 1865 Jefferson Davis, president of the fallen Confederate government is captured by the Union army 1869 Transcontinental railroad completed 1924 J. Edgar Hoover is promoted to head of the Federal Bureau of Investigation 1940 Winston Churchill becomes British prime min-1954 "Rock Around the Clock" by Bill Haley and the Comets released 1969 Operation Apache Snow is launched 1977 Joan Crawford dies 1990 China releases Tianeman Square prisoners 1994 Nelson Mandela sworn in as the first black president of South Africa

#### Killeen's Ellison Extends Historic Win

▶ From Killeen Daily Herald

Given 24 hours to ponder the accomplishment, Ellison baseball coach Richard Tucker was just as excited about Friday's 15-3 series-clinching win over Rosenberg Lamar Consolidated as Ellison Eagles he was minutes after the game.

And why not?

After all, in getting the victory, Ellison advanced beyond the bi-district round for the first time in school history, erasing a 26-year drought which saw the Eagles post a series record of 0-6, and an overall playoff record of 0-12.

"I'm excited, but I'm even more excited for the kids," said Tucker, whose Eagles will face Port Neches-Groves in the area round on Wednesday and Friday at sites to be determined. "I wish I had a tape recorder so people could hear the conversation they had on the bus ride home."

Yet for Tucker, Friday's win had even more significance.

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> The Eagles were down to their third starting pitcher in Wayne McCoy, and appeared

to be on the ropes until a seven-run second inning gave them control of the game.

"We were coming off a tough loss in Game 2 and trailing in Game 3, so I think some of them thought we were finished

And what of the public response?

Has Tucker been receiving phone calls of congratulations?

"Some," he said. "But actually, I was a little disappointed in the turnout. You've got a team from Killeen busting their butts out there and you'd think more people would come out to support them.

"I would hope that more people will be able to make it this week."

Ellison, which suffered a	
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Texas

American League **East Division** 

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Boston	19 12 .613 -
New York	18 13 .581 1
Baltimore	16 12 .571 1.5
Toronto	13 18 .419 6
Tampa Bay	9 21 .300 9.5
Cent	ral Division
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Minnesota 17 13 .567 -17 13 .567 -Chicago 15 16 .484 2.5 Detroit Cleveland 12 18 .400 5 9 20 .310 7.5 Kansas City

West Division Anaheim 22 10 .688 -19 12 .613 2.5 Oakland 15 16 .484 6.5 Seattle 12 19 .387 9.5

#### National League **East Division**

Florida	18 13 .581 -
Philadelphia	14 14 .500 2.5
Atlanta	14 16 .467 3.5
New York	14 17 .452 4
Montreal	10 22 .313 8.5

#### Central Division

Houston	20 11 .645 -
Chicago	18 13 .581 2
Cincinnati	16 15 .516 4
St. Louis	16 16 .500 4.5
Milwaukee	15 16 .484 5
Pittsburgh	12 17 .414 7
West	Division
Los Angeles	20 10 .667 -

San Diego 19 13 .594 2 14 18 .438 San Francisco Colorado 13 17 .433 7 Arizona 12 17 .414 7.5

Glossary W: Wins, L: Losses, PCT: Winning Percentage, GB: Games Behind



#### NBA PLAYOFFS

Minnesota 94 Sacramento 89 (Series tied 1-1)

Los Angeles 105 San Antonio 81 (San Antonio leads series2-1)

TV GUIDE	AFN ATLANTIC	PACIFIC	A FM Sports	AFN Spectrum
18:00	l Spy/ Even Stevens	Tonight Show with Jay Leno/ The Late Show with David Letterman		Conan the Destroyer 17:00
19:00	Jeopardy/ Headline News	Access Hollywood 19:30	SPORTSCENTER	The Wild Thornberrys/ Spongebob Squarepants
20:00	ESPNews/ Headline News	Alien 3	Best Damn Sports Show Period	The Simpsons/ The Cosby Show
21:00	Survivor: All- Stars		Ballroom Boxing	
22:00		The French Connection	Motorcycle Racing	Law & Order: Special Victims Unit